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Re:

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Alpha-2-Macroglobulin Therapies and Drug Screening Methods for For:

Alzheimer's Disease

Inventors:

Tanzi et al.

Our Ref:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- Information Disclosure Statement; 1.
- Listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (30 sheets);
- A copy of each of the one-hundred and one (101) cited documents on Form PTO-2. 3. 1449; and
- Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of 4. these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

The Examiner is referred to the following related, co-pending patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 60/337,434, filed November 9, 2001, inventors Becker et al., submitted herewith as Document AT30.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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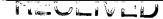
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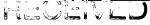
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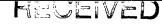
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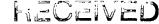
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